

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor the life and memory of the late Alyne Queener Massey of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Alyne Queener Massey; and

WHEREAS, Alyne Massey was an exemplary community leader and philanthropist who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in New Haven, Connecticut, to Millard E. Queener and Adeline Frierson Armstrong Queener, Alyne Queener Armistead Massey was raised in Columbia, Tennessee, attended Ward-Belmont Preparatory School and graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1948; and

WHEREAS, a talented writer who served as a reporter for the *Nashville Banner*, Alyne Massey was also a highly successful businesswoman as she became the first woman elected to the board of directors of Third National Bank and served as the director of the Women's Division of Commerce Union Bank and as a member of the board of director's of Volunteer Capitol Corporation; and

WHEREAS, a major supporter of Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Museum of Art, Mrs. Massey and her husband Jack Massey were strong supporters of Planned Parenthood; and

WHEREAS, she rendered sterling service as a member of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., the Preservation Society of Palm Beach, the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach, and the Blair House in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, elected to the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust in 1977, Mrs. Massey made a significant impact on the university through her leadership and philanthropy, serving on

the Vanderbilt Heart Advisory Council, the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center Leadership Council, and the board at the Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. She also co-chaired the Vanderbilt University Medical Center's \$625 million portion of Vanderbilt's Shape of the Future campaign; and

WHEREAS, a champion of the arts and an array of humanitarian causes she kept dear to her heart, Alyne Massey was a founder of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee and the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and an avid supporter of Battle Ground Academy and the Mental Health Association of Middle Tennessee where she established the Jack C. Massey Leadership Award dinner; and

WHEREAS, Alyne Massey was married to the late Leonard Hearne Armistead, Jr. and then to Jack Carroll Massey who established the Alyne Queener Massey Library at Vanderbilt University in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Massey was a member of the Colonial Dames of America, the Garden Club of America, the Garden Club of Nashville, the Belle Meade Country Club, the Centennial Club, the Bath and Tennis Club of Palm Beach, the Everglades Club of Palm Beach, the Meadow Club of Southampton, New York, the Bathing Club of Southampton, and the Colony Club of New York; and

WHEREAS, a proud Tennessean who contributed her time and talents to numerous local civic, cultural, and charitable organizations, she was a member of Friends of Warner Parks, the James K. Polk Memorial Association and the Ladies Hermitage Association, supporter of the Nashville Symphony, Outlook Nashville, and Historic Nashville, and founding member of the Cumberland River Compact and the Maury County Heritage Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, Alyne Massey was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Carroll Massey, and her sister, Lucille Frierson Queener Courtney, and is survived by her sons, Leonard Hearne Armistead III and Robert Hunter Frierson Armistead, and her sister, Elizabeth Myers Queener; and

WHEREAS, she will also be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Stephanie Alyne Armistead, Massey Frierson Armistead, Anne Parkes

Armistead, and Lewis Addison Armistead V; her nieces and nephews, Richard Gordon Courtney, Elizabeth Currey Courtney, Gale Courtney Moore, Father Robin S. Courtney, Jr., Hunter Armistead, Jr., and Benjamin C. Armistead; and her sister-in-law, Claire C. Armistead; and

WHEREAS, Alyne Massey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, seldom do women of her stature walk among us and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Alyne Queener Massey, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Alyne Queener Massey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.